



Maria Kouppas  
President 2016-17

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President Maria was invited to the podium by sergeant Michael Cariss, President Maria welcomed our youngest guest Leila 7 years who was a guest of Anne Ramsay. Maria also welcomed Gail Leask, Goran Civkaroski Charter/Past President Rotary Club of Skopje West, Colin Styles, Larry Marshall & wife Cynthia, Charlotte our exchange student in 2012 who is visiting, Andrew Johnston and Bev Smyth.

President Maria thanked all who worked tirelessly at the Art Show and the organising committee together with the Rotary Club of Keilor East, Maria specially thanked the Chair Veronica O'Sullivan, Grant Sheldon and Lisa Lowcock.

Maria said that the Art Show is one of our clubs biggest events and this year we collected \$30,000 and increase from the \$15,000 last year. Maria said that this project is not a one club event and is a partnership as we need many hands and time from planning to completion.

President Maria mentioned that the 2017 Conference was a "wow" event and as a first timer her husband John and she truly enjoyed the experience meeting likeminded people and hearing some inspirational speakers. She requested all to consider attending in 2018.

President Nominee Veronica O'Sullivan will be the one who will be arranging the Conference planner and she will certainly be informing all of the plans. President Maria requested DG Neville John to please congratulate his club and team for a successful and effective conference.



**"The Rotary network is amazing in how it connects and supports local and international communities"**

Cathy Nicou - RC Essendon



Maria said that the Rotary Club of Essendon presented at the conference, which was attended by over 750 members and delegates, the Royce Abbey Scholarships and we had David Abbey and Chris who is one of the Scholarship recipients who also spoke.

Maria said that the booth was manned by Roger Leask and Lisa Lowcock and the promotion of the Royce Abbey Award was well received.

At the end of the Conference our members and friends went on to continue fellowship and fun at President Elect Jenny Foster's farm and Gaye Cariss celebrated a milestone birthday. (Editor's note - going by looks alone I think it's her 40<sup>th</sup> and yes of course she is married to an older man!)

## AT JENNY'S FARM



THE FURPHY!!





Maria reminded all present of the upcoming event the Greek night now booked for the 20<sup>th</sup> April the week after Easter, Maria requested all to contact past Rotarians, family & friends as all are welcome.

**Maria said that today is a very special day in our club history as we will be inducting 3 new members.**



**New member Andrew Johnston (centre) in Real Estate joined the International Committee with sponsor Tim Anderson and President Maria**



New Member Larry Marshall in the centre with sponsor Dr Michael Portelli and President Maria, Larry a University Lecturer will join the International Committee and his mentor will be Shirley Kukk





New member Bev Smyth sharing a joke with President Maria, Bev's category is Administration Manager and her mentor will be Dr Michael Portelli



Assistant Governor Colin Styles, Bev Smyth, Andrew Johnston, Larry Marshall, District Governor Neville John & President Maria

### **Other matters**

President Maria thanked Jane Odgers for helping out at the Art Show. Steve Chandler is looking for volunteers to help at the Easter egg hunt for kids to man the BBQ.

### **Make up**

Jack Honson attended the Broad Meadows Rotary Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Goran Civkaroski (below) spoke to the members of our club about the work his club does in Greece







# CELEBRATE GREEK EASTER

A special night for the Rotarians, family and friends. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy

A night of beautiful food, good fellowship with a touch of Greek Easter Traditions

## Your GREEK FEAST will include

**Entrées** - Tzaziki, Taramosalata, Melzinosalata serve with warm pita bread, Saganaki, Dolamades, Spetsofai, Char Grilled Octopus.

**Mains** – Roasted Leg of Lamb, Chicken and Lamb Souvlaki, and Fried Calamari

Provincial Greek salad and a Cypriot Cabbage Salad

**Dessert** – Loukoumades topped with Honey, walnuts and cinnamon, served with Halva Ice Cream

Tea coffee or a “metrio”

## To RSVP;

**Jane Carbone on 0417 329 005 or**

**Maria Kouppas on 0416 122 523**

**by the Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Please invite your friends for a wonderful night of Greek Food and Easter Treats.**

**Rotary Club Essendon**



**Philhellene**

**Greek Restaurant**

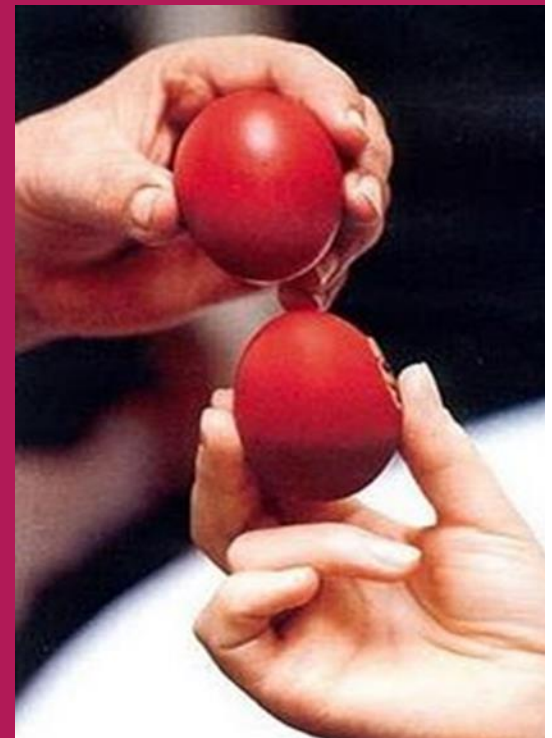
**551/553 Mt Alexander Rd,  
Moonee Ponds VIC 3039**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.30 For 7.00pm**

**\$50.00 pp**

**Drinks at Bar Prices**





**Rotary**  
Caroline Springs



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR**

## **Inaugural Mothers Day Afternoon Tea**

*Aspire  
to  
Inspire*

**Date:** Sunday 7th May 2017  
**Time:** 2:30pm to 5:00pm  
**Venue:** 'The Club' Caroline Springs  
1312 Western Hwy, Caroline Springs  
**Cost:** \$30.00 per head including complimentary glass of champagne  
Alcohol available at bar prices.

**Bring your mum, sister, aunt, father, uncle, brother and friends and join us for a leisurely afternoon tea while we listen to aspirational speakers.**



**Moira Kelly AO:** Inspired by a video of Mother Theresa, at the tender age of 7, Moira Kelly bounded in from school and announced to her stunned mother, that one day, she too would work with the renowned Nun from Calcutta. And so began, the inspirational vocation and life of an 'ordinary girl from Melbourne', who became an extraordinary Humanitarian, Australian and Citizen of the World!. [www.moirakellyaustralia.com/moiras-bio](http://www.moirakellyaustralia.com/moiras-bio)



**Donna Campisi:** is marathon runner with heart, and with a difference. At eight years old, she survived a stroke and doctors said she would never walk or talk again. At fourteen, she was in a critical condition and diagnosed with Diabetes Type 1. [www.bookedout.com.au/find-a-speaker/author/donna-campisi](http://www.bookedout.com.au/find-a-speaker/author/donna-campisi)

### **Further information & Bookings**

**Contact:** Nilda 0438 594 929 or Annette 0401 031 917

**Payments:** BSB: 633-000 Account No:155646672

**Please include your name against your payment**

**R.S.V.P and Payment: 16th April 2017**

**All funds raised on the day go toward The Rotary Foundation**

### **Resignation of Connie Maina**

Connie Maina has returned to Kenya where she has been invited by the Kenyan President to oversee the general elections to be held in August. As a consequence she has decided to remain in the country of her birth, to resign from the Rotary Club of Essendon and rejoin the Rotary Club of Karen in Nairobi. As this is Connie's original club she will be renewing some old and close acquaintances. Connie hopes to remain in touch with her Essendon friends and to catch up again on her next trip to Australia. President Maria joins all members in wishing Connie all the best for the future.





## **ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON VISIT TO:**

**Western Emergency Relief Network premises (WERN)  
A District 9800 project**

**WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY, 2017**

**Venue: 3 Cross Street, Footscray, VIC 3011  
At 9.30am**

**Followed by morning tea at the Western Bulldogs coffee shop  
the tour will be conducted by PDG Ross Butterworth.**  
(Ross will be a guest speaker at the club on 16 May)

**Please contact Shirley Kukk to register your attendance**

### **WHAT IS WERN?**

**Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN) - Rotary District 9800**

WERN provides emergency relief and assistance through supplying good quality second hand furniture, electronic and whitegoods, to people in need.

The people assisted are those who have been identified to have an urgent need as a result of experiencing trauma or loss, where they have a need to move or perhaps cannot afford basic living requirements, where they are struggling to buy essentials such as furniture and other household goods.

WERN manages a group of volunteers responsible for the collection, assessment, the repair and cleaning of donated goods. WERN facilitates the supply of all appropriate items to be available to individuals and families in need through a network of Member Welfare Agencies.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Duminda Aluthgamage who has been nominated and approved by the Rotary Club of Essendon as nominee for the Rotary Global Grants Scholar for 2017/18

We wish him well in the selection process and look forward to his visit to the club

### **Book Club**

Rotary Club of Essendon book club had a very successful film night at the Rapallo on Monday night – “A man called Ove” was the movie of the night.

### **Clock Tower event**

16 Rotarians and partners attended the clock tower last Thursday night to be entertained by the wonderful Hanni Rayson in her one woman show “Hello Beautiful”



Help us celebrate shipping the  
**500<sup>th</sup> container**  
this century!



Join us on Saturday 8th of April 10.00 - 3.00  
Shed 40 / 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray  
(official short speech at 12.30)

It's a party so food and drink will be available  
We hope you will be able to join us and share in the fun.  
**Please RSVP for catering purposes to [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com)**

The 500th Container is a major Rotary Foundation Centennial Event,  
it is your Rotary Foundation Centennial Container.

#### Thought for the day

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Life is 10% what  
happens to us  
and 90% how we  
react to it.  
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-Dennis P. Kimbro

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

| DATE                        | SPEAKER/EVENT                                   | VENUE                                      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 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                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</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 Kuszniarczyk – Town Planning               | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 31 <sup>st</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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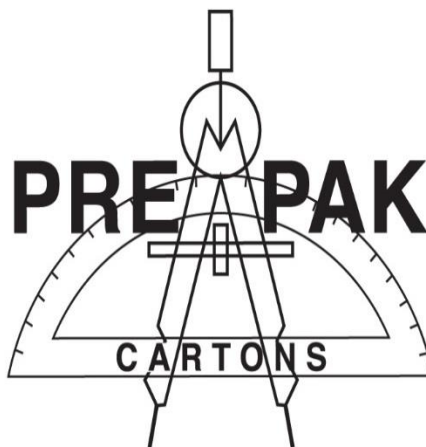
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