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President Maria's message

Good morning fellow Rotarians and friends.

Today is Anzac Day a day of taking time to reflect on the past and honour those many brave young men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for what ultimately shaped our country moving forward.

I know we do not have a meeting today to observe a moments silence together and it just so happens we do not have a party of Rotarians in Myanmar coinciding with Anzac day as it has in the past.

Past President Boris Struk gave me the following message from his Presidential year and the clubs visit to Myanmar that coincided with Anzac Day on that trip. I thought it would be appropriate to share this message with you as Myanmar is certainly a place that is close to our Clubs representation internationally. Thank you Boris.

It Reads:

"This cemetery is a memorial to soldiers who died in the Second World War.

Within the country of Myanmar there are many such cemeteries that stand individually and collectively to acknowledge the human contribution made to maintain freedom.

They do not celebrate war but rather the human courage, loyalty and sacrifice.

Not widely known is the fact that there are 5 Indian Victoria Cross recipients buried in the war graves of Myanmar.

The service personnel buried at this site had parents, brothers, sisters and some who were older in age may have been married and been parents themselves.

Their sacrifice was felt at all levels from their immediate families and throughout the whole nation"

Their service to others has been enduring and is evident today by the presence of our community based service organisation 'Rotary' paying respect at this site

Lest we forget

I think this sums up what Anzac Day has come to signify not only in Gallipoli, Australia, Myanmar and on the Greek Island of Lemnos where the biggest cemetery for Australian soldiers is dutifully kept and preserved to honour these very brave men and women.

Please take a moment to reflect and remember and most importantly honour our brave service personnel from the past and those serving today.

Rotary Presents speaker

We are very lucky to have Dr Susan Alberti as this year's 'Rotary Presents' speaker. Susan is an excellent speaker and will cover aspects of her personal life, business success, motivation and women's football.

The evening event will be held at an exciting new venue on Wednesday 31 May 2017, 6:30 pm for a 7:00pm start.

The dinner is one of our major events for the year and is our best opportunity to showcase our Club to friends and associates. For this event to be a success, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. Please invite friends, family and business associates to this dinner, the topics discussed will be of interest to almost everyone.

Further information about our speaker and the dinner is included in the attached flyer. Booking is via the trybooking.com website. We have worked hard to get a great speaker, please do your best to get a table of 10 or a smaller group of people together and make your booking as early as possible.

Let me know by return email if you have any questions or need any assistance with the booking process.

Glenn Smith



Rotary Presents



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A fascinating evening with

Dr Susan Alberti AC

Susan Alberti AC is one of Australia's pre-eminent philanthropists, having donated millions of dollars to medical research and other charitable causes over her successful business career.

Susan developed a passion for research when her only child, Danielle, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in the 1980s.

Danielle tragically died from the complications arising from the chronic disease.



On Australia Day 2016, Susan was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) Award in recognition of her eminent service to the community, particularly through philanthropic and fund-raising support for a range of medical research, education and to young women as a role model and mentor.

Retired Vice President of the AFL Western Bulldogs Football Club, Director of the AFL National Women's League Advisory Group, Director of the National Australia Day Council.

Wednesday 31st May 2017 - 6:30 -7pm

The Australian Events Centre

Larkin Street Essendon Fields

\$95 ph

\$950 Table

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A 'not-to-be-missed' event brought to you by:

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

Cathy Nicou - RC Essendon

Visit to South America

A delegation from the Rotary Clubs of Essendon and Keilor East are heading to South America in October, 2017.

The group depart on Friday 6 October for Santiago, Chile then on to Lima, Peru to visit St Bernadette's school (we obtained a District Grant and have purchased and installed 12 computers at the school). We will also be meeting our project partner The Rotary Club of La Molina and the Australian Ambassador to Peru.

The group will then undertake a short holiday. Some of the highlights of the tour include:

Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, Iguassu Falls and tango in Buenos Aires. An opportunity exists for you to extend the tour by visiting the Galápagos Islands.

If you are interested in joining the delegation please contact Veronica, Lisa or Shirley to secure your place.



Brumby's Babes

Brumby's Babes are selling the Entertainment Books again this year. The books are \$70 of which \$14 goes to Relay for Life. The book is full of wonderful offers of up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers for many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more.

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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.

Royce Abbey Award to Ian Riseley in the presence of Jean Abbey

Last week the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship committee had the pleasure of presenting incoming Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley 2017 -2018 with a Royce Abbey Award.

He was deeply honoured to receive the award and to have David Abbey and Jean Abbey present made it all the more special. Members of the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Committee were present, as well as members from the Rotary Club Essendon and Rotary Club Bendigo.

The award will be worn proudly and travel to many parts of the globe spreading the message of Rotary International. Congratulation Ian!

See photos below





Ian Riseley (left) & David Abbey (centre) with Jean Abbey



EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
25 th April 2017	ANZAC Day	NO MEETING
May 2017	Graffiti clean-up day	Date, time & venue TBC
2 nd May 2017	Peter "Grubby" Stubbs – 3AW & Radio fame	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	Bill Kuszniczuk – Town Planning	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
31 st May 2017	Rotary Presents – Susan Alberti AO	Australian Events Company Essendon Fields Start time 7pm
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
30 th June 2017	President's night	St Andrews Conservatory

Thought for the day





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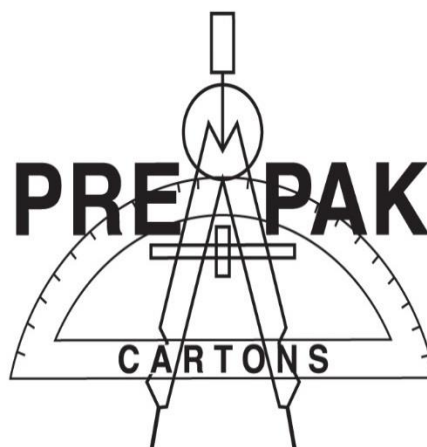
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