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President Maria was invited to the podium by sergeant Michael Cariss

### President Maria's message

Welcome fellow Rotarians and friends.

A special welcome to Peter Stubbs our speaker for today, and affectionately known as Grubby and his wife Jenny, also Kerry Roe guest of Stephen Roe.

Despite no meeting last week, it certainly is ramping up to the busy part of the Rotary year. Last week I attended the cluster meeting for Gateway East and West and planning is well on the way for a Domestic Violence Forum in the later part of 2017.

Thank you Kelly for standing in for me to attend the second of the Kangan Tafe awards nights, which as a club we have sponsored to the total sum of \$1000.00.

And on Saturday night John and I attended the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary charter of the Strathmore Rotary Club. A wonderful night with just under 100 attendees.

Which leads me to remind you all about our upcoming Charter night next Tuesday night at Ascot House. It is our time to celebrate as we are really fortunate to be part of a club with so much history and tradition. Consider inviting past Rotarians and friends, all welcome. During the night PHF recognitions will also be presented, so I invite you to attend so that we can show our appreciation.

The Marketing Committee is now taking bookings for Rotary Presents via **Try Booking** for our night with Susan Alberti. It is our opportunity to showcase Rotary to prospective members but also if you have business associates you would like to extend hospitality to this is the night for you to invite them along.

You would have read in last week's Contact that we presented incoming World President Ian Risely with a Royce Abbey Award. Congratulations to the Jean and Royce Abbey scholarship committee on getting this happen and the Award will be worn on his lapel very proudly. The Australian Award has finally made it to the world's stage.

Tomorrow (Wed) we have a visit booked to attend the WERN. Thank you to Shirley Kukuk for organising this. Of course Ross Butterworth will be visiting our club week after next.

Quote for the Day: *It's so strange that autumn is so beautiful, yet trees are actually shedding their dying leaves.*

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# 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

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

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President Maria asked PP Boris Struk to come forward to introduce the Guest Speaker Peter “Grubby” Stubbs.

Can you believe that Peter “Grubby” Stubbs has more than 30 years radio experience? Grubby and his partner Dee Dee (Diane Dunleavy) – apologies to Jenny – his on air partner are among Melbourne’s most loved presenters. Grubby and Dee Dee ruled the airwaves at Fox FM in the 1980’s. After a stellar career at Fox FM, Gubby and Dee Dee moved to GOLD104.3 FM where they hosted the Breakfast Show for an impressive 13 years. The pair host the Weekend Break on 3AW 12-6pm Saturday and Sunday. Grubby was born in South Yarra in 1953. He worked in the rag trade before joining his brother, ABC presenter Richard Stubbs on 3XY in 1985. He’s a lifelong South Melbourne and Sydney Swans supporter and is an official Swans Ambassador, hosting club functions in Melbourne and interstate. He’s a pretty good photographer as well in shooting the cover image of MDA’s *Melbourne’s Delights* book.



### Guest Speaker Peter “Grubby” Stubbs

My radio partnership with Dee Dee (Diane Dunleavy) goes back to 1988 on FOX FM. I came over very green from 3XY, was a bit in awe of her and made a fool of myself over-doing the confidence and assertiveness. She took that as arrogance and didn’t like me at first. As a duo, we happened organically and now we’re in our 28<sup>th</sup> + years partnership. We have the same wicked sense of humour, we’re both happily married and have two children, a boy and a girl, but we are an odd couple too. She forgets birthdays and anniversaries, I am meticulous about dates. That drives her nuts. But it is a partnership and that’s the strength of our 3AW Weekend Break Show. We irritated the hell out of our previous employers by always attending meetings together. When we got boned at Gold FM in late 2011, they offered me the drive show solo, without Dee. No way, I would have lost a good friend, the audience would have turned on me – and it was an insult to our relationship. I was ready – reluctantly – to put the cue in the rack but Dee Dee kept up the profile on social media and we joined 3AW in September 2012.

It was great to move to talk radio – finally we weren’t being told to shut up and play more Fleetwood Mac: we weren’t being told what to do by some middle-aged, failed disc jockey in a black T-shirt. Dee Dee was really blossomed as a broadcaster since then and, frankly, I ride on her coat-tails these days. What’s that expression? A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.

We have interviewed more than a thousand celebrities, with guest ranging from actors Harrison Ford, Matt Damon, Steve Carell and Daniel Radcliffe, to musicians Chrissie Amphiett and Billy Joel.

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**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](http://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

# WANTED

Have you taken any photos on your iphone, or camera in this past Rotary Year?

Can I please have them forwarded to:  
M.Kouppas@hotmail.com

Many of these photos will form a special memento of this past year, and I would like to use them as part of the year in summary.

I appreciate your help with this. Remember any Rotary function or event....

Thanking you in anticipation

**Maria**



**“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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## Updated Rules and Bylaws adopted

All Rotary Clubs are required to ensure that their Rules and Bylaws comply with the Rotary International (RI) Standard Club Constitution. The RI Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider changes to these rules and procedures and following the 2016 meeting a number of recommendations were adopted.

These amendments have been incorporated into the Rotary Club of Essendon Rules and Bylaws and resolutions were passed at yesterday's lunch meeting to accept the updated documents.

A copy of the updated Rules and Bylaws was sent to all members by secretary Stephen Roe on 1 April 2017.

## Other Matters

Jenny Stubbs drew the ticket and Sam Tartaglia won the draw but failed to pick the joker. The kitty is only \$38.00 now after Grant Stephenson's big win last week. Grant has donated the \$350 win to Rotary Presents guest speaker, Dr Susan Alberti's charity, Foundation supporting Juvenile Diabetes and Rotary Club of Essendon added an additional \$650 making up a cheque for \$1000.00.

## Birthdays

Kelly Abfalter 8<sup>th</sup> May, Sunil Perera 14<sup>th</sup>, Jenny Foster's partner Charles 12<sup>th</sup>, John Odgers partner Jane 12<sup>th</sup>.

Induction Anniversary of 8 years is Peter Halaseh.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
May 2017	Graffiti clean-up day	Date, time & venue TBC
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
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Rotary Presents – Susan Alberti AO	Australian Events Company Essendon Fields Start time 7pm
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	DG Visit & Fellowship	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Nina Lovengreen	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
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	President's night	St Andrews Conservatory

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**Thought for the day**

Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.

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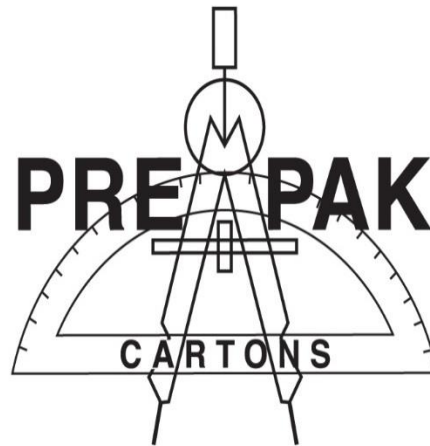
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