



Maria Kouppas
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President Maria's message

President Maria was invited to the podium by the sergeant Michael Cariss. President Maria welcomed all including PP Alan Murphy.

Maria mentioned the sad events in Manchester UK where the victims were young kids at a concert. Maria also mentioned that Michael Mahoney is currently not in the best of health and that there was a card to be signed by all present wishing Michael a speedy recovery.

Getting to the pointy end of the year, the year is still not over.

President Maria mentioned the following:

1. The Arts Show committee met last week, and a new MOU will be prepared to cover the Rotary Year 2017 -2018. More of this to follow in the upcoming months. I can however announce that the sum of \$11,000 will be paid into the RCE Accounts and a sum of around 1,800 left for seeding funds for the next Art Show. Reminder this is a full club event – and needs full club support for 3 events over three days.
2. The RDNS team have been very active meeting with Council representatives and a number of questions need to be answered by the Council as to their level of support and commitment to this project. I know the RDNS working party are meeting after this meeting today. Again the highest level of gratitude to Maurice Mollica, Alistair Fraser Jack Honson and our dear Past President and Rotary friend Alan Murphy. Of course Richard Lawrence wearing two hats one as member of this club, but also as Councillor and we appreciate the connections he has managed to provide to the team.
3. Bahay Tulian Fund raiser was a very successful evening with around 200 attending the night. A little goes a long way and the story of Bahay Tulain began quite small and is now supporting so many young children and the outcomes of the many success stories are supporting families in the broader community. Congratulations to Cathy Nicou and her committee and team of helpers.
4. Graffiti Clean-up Day will be on the 4th of June, volunteers to meet at Russell Street Essendon Station at 9.15am to 9.30am please contact Richard Lawrence.

Visitors - Bill Kusneciuk

Quote of the Day

A little topical when we had the demonstration at the Rose and Buckley street intersection, and in keeping with today's Guest, something my children often say:

"Just build a bridge and get over it"

Next week; Greg Ross Lift the lid



Leno won the raffle but failed to draw the joker.

Speaker for the day

PP Boris Struk introduced the speaker Bill Kuszniarczyk Urban Town Planner.



Bill Kuszniarczyk



PP Boris Struk, President Maria with Bill

Bill informed all present that by the year 2050 there will be about 10 million people in Victoria and the duty of Urban Planning is to ensure that the inevitable changes turn out for the best. He said that the demographics will change and the integration must be managed, he further pointed out that the Australian population is ageing and the liveability of the neighbourhoods must not change drastically.

He said that the Government has sought his advice to ensure that this expected population change is managed effectively and the infrastructure needed for this increase in population is available and ready.

He spoke about the need for a fast train from the top end to Sydney & Melbourne as well as rail transport from the major airports especially Melbourne airport, he pointed out that the majority of the airports around the world have train services from the airport to the closest city.

Bill said his work involved helping in the building of environmentally friendly housing in self-sufficient neighbourhoods where there are adequate transport facilities, phone and utility services available so that people can live in affordable homes and travel to work.

He said there are plans underway to build fast trains from Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong to Melbourne so that people can find housing away from the main cities but yet be able to get to work in Melbourne

Bill finished by saying that he appreciated the work done by Rotary in the community and was thankful for the opportunity offered to speak at Rotary events



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

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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 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

Message from Maurice Mollica

If any member knows the name of the president, their phone number, and the name of the service clubs in the city of Moonee Valley, please let me have them by fax or phone as we need support for the R.D.N.S. building project to present to treasury at state level.

I will contact the clubs personally to ask them to give us written support.

As it stands some of the clubs in the area looking for a meeting place. Hope you can help, thank you.

Maurice Mollica



“Making life long friends, serving others, growing personally and creatively helping build a better community and world.”

Richard Lawrence - RC Essendon



EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
30 th May 2017	Greg Ross – Past District Governor and Chair of Australian Rotary Health Research	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
31 st May 2017	Rotary Presents – Susan Alberti AO	Australian Events Company Essendon Fields <u>Start 7 pm</u>
4 th June 2017 Sunday	Graffiti clean-up day	Meet at Russell Street Essendon Station 9.15am to 9.30am
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
4 th July 2017	President Induction	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
11 th July 2017	Jane Odgers – Life as a volunteer	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
18 th July 2017	Russell Hayes – Wheelchairs for Kids	The Anglers Tavern 6 pm to 7.30 pm
25 th July 2017	Strathmore Men's shed	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
1 st August 2017	TBA	
8 th August 2017	Trevor Schwenke – CEO Kangan	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
15 th August 2017	Stephanie Woollard- Founder "Seven women"	The Anglers Tavern 6 pm to 7.30 pm

Thoughts & wise words for the day:

"Throughout the Virgin journey, many of our most successful ventures have been based entirely on carpe diem moments, spurred on by optimism. I cannot count the times we said yes when the odds were stacked against us – when we were told by banks, partners, lawyers, consultants and experts to say no.

Optimism spurs positivity. People thrive in positive environments. Happy people are confident people. And confident people make things happen"

Richard Branson

"I slept & dreamed that life was happiness, I awoke & found life was service.

I served & discovered that through service, I found happiness." - Rabindranath Tagore



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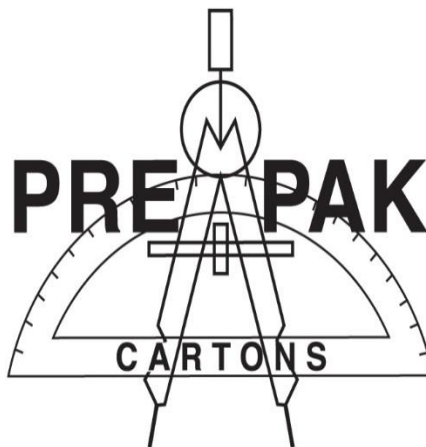
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