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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 Gail Leask, Colin Styles, June Styles, Tanya Honson, Pearl Honson, Karen Honson, Susan Honson, Gaye Cariss, David Abbey, Cindy Abbey, Ian Thomas, District Governor Neville John as well as Nina Lovengreen our exchange student.

ADG Colin Styles was asked to say grace, he called for a moment of silence to think of the deaths due to terrorist violence in London and here in Australia in recent days.

District Governor Neville John proposed the toast to our beloved country Australia.

President Maria informed all of the sad news of the passing of our dear friend and Rotarian Henry Randell who passed away peacefully last night. She said Henry joined the club in 2003, a Paul Harris Fellow and Royce Abbey Awardee. Some of us were so blessed to have worked with him as he was a committed loyal club member, and who can forget his beautiful singing voice and his singing of the Haka, she said.

Maria said that our thoughts are with Margaret and his family, a sympathy card was circulated among all present.

President Maria also informed all of the great work done by the Community Committee on Sunday cleaning up the graffiti, and thanked the committee with special thanks to Cr Richard Lawrence for taking a lead role and the for the catering done by Jennifer Lawrence & Judith Anderson, she mentioned that the chocolate slice was a great favourite among the helpers.

President Maria said that today is a special day of celebrating what Rotary stands for, she said that one of the privileges granted to a club President is the opportunity to recognise outstanding service to Rotary, and by extension to the many beneficiaries of our programs both in the local areas and in the needy communities overseas.

As like the many club Presidents before me we must rely heavily on members to be able to achieve the results upon which the reputation of our club is built.

President Maria said that today's Paul Harris Recognition recipient is renowned for hard work and a willingness to assist whenever asked.

She said, "As his fellow Rotarians and lifelong friends of 50 years have gathered here today and it gives me great pleasure to present **Jack Honson** with a Paul Harris Double Sapphire Recognition"

Jack Honson was presented with a Paul Harris Double Sapphire Recognition as well as a Royce Abbey Award for 50 years of Rotary and service to the community and for having a 100% attendance record!

Well done Jack



Maurice Mollica said the following words in praise of his long-time friend and fellow Rotarian Jack Honson
His talk in the first person, verbatim:

“Thank you President Maria for allowing me to say a few words, much has been said about Jack’s 50 years of perfect attendance at Rotary meetings and justifiably so. When you think that the average Rotary membership fluctuates around 5 years, 50 years of membership is indeed remarkable and 50 years of perfect attendance really outstanding.

But Jack Honson is much more than that, Jack is a long active service member, he is well respected within and outside of the Rotary community, he is a hard working dedicated, committed and very reliable yet humble individual, which these days unfortunately have gone out of fashion with many.

Jack was President of this club in 1982-83 an outstanding year, he has been supported by his wife Pearl, and some of us have great memories of dinners at 22 Sinclair Avenue and the great hospitality shown to us on the occasion of many committee and Board meeting.

We have seen Jack’s & Pearl’s four children grow with the Rotary spirit embedded in them.

Much has changed in Rotary but Jack’s dedication is there for all to see, I have known Jack & his family for some 47 years and have enjoyed their friendship and we have not had one cross word during all that time.

Congratulations to you Jack and thank you for your friendship, you have always been there”

Words of praise and congratulations to Jack Honson were also spoken by his dear friends Don Knee, Roger Priestley, Michael Cariss, Roger Leask & David Abbey in presenting the Royce Abbey Award for Enthusiasm and Commitment to the ideals of Rotary.



Jack receiving the Paul Harris Double Sapphire Recognition from District Governor Neville John and Assistant Governor Colin Styles



Jack receiving the Royce Abbey Award, with David Abbey, President Maria and Roger Leask



Jack with the gold badge for 50 years of uninterrupted attendance & service to Rotary, with Assistant Governor Colin Styles & District Governor Neville John



David Abbey receiving the Royce Abbey plaque photo from President Maria, Right – President Maria, David and wife Cindy

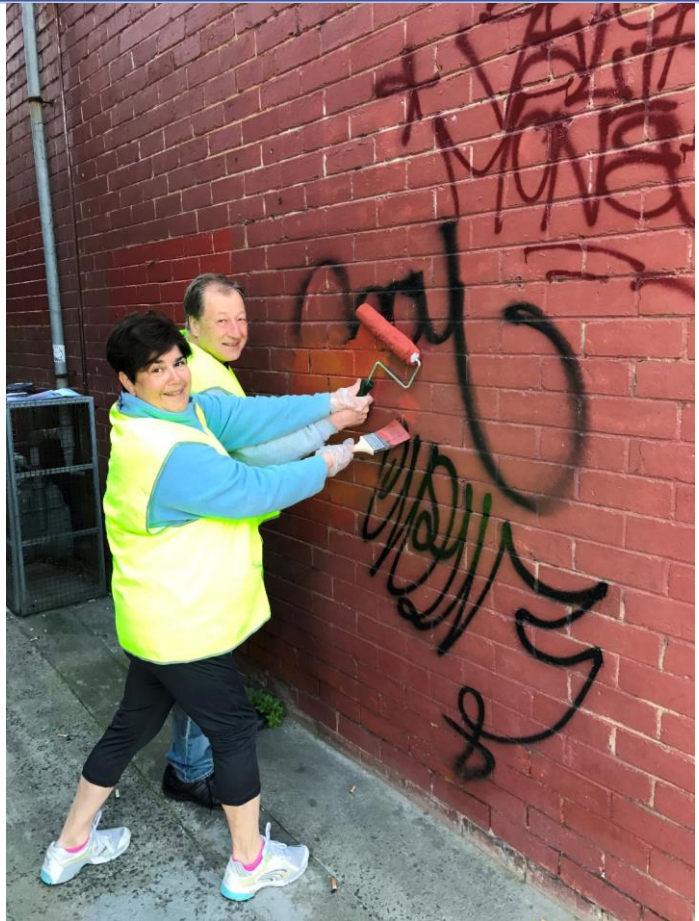


Celebrating Jack's 50th anniversary with his wife Pearl, President Maria and Maurice Mollica (Right)

Great Day Cleaning Up Graffiti

A fantastic Sunday morning was spent cleaning up the mess left behind by graffiti taggers around Essendon and Moonee Ponds Stations. No wall was left with ugly graffiti on it when the RC Essendon clean up team were on the job! Special thanks to Pres Maria, Lino A, Peter B, Peter C, Grant S, Denis K, John O, Nina L, friends of Rotary Leanne and daughter Mia, Sam T and Richard L. A special thank you to Judi A and Jennifer L for putting on a lovely morning tea for the team. This is Rotary at work in our community, well done RC Essendon!





GRILL'D SUPPORTS STRATHMORE MOONEE VALLEY MEN'S SHED

For the month of June 2017, Grill'd Moonee Ponds are supporting our Men's Shed.

Each time someone dines with Grill'd they are given a token to place in one of three jars.

Each jar represents a local community service project.

The jar with the most tokens at the end of the month will receive a \$300 donation.

If you need a break from cooking or feel like a burger or just want to show your support to the Men's Shed then please drop into Grill'd Moonee Ponds (69 Puckle St) and place your token in our jar.

Thanks

P.S. don't be afraid to say Hi to the manager (Richard Nash) and mention our appreciation of their support.



RDNS RELOCATION OPENS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CLUB

Since November 2016, the Club has been negotiating with both Moonee Valley Council and the State Government to lease the former Royal District Nursing Service building in Grice Street, Essendon.

The nursing service vacated the building in early 2016, shifting to Ravenhall in a state wide rationalisation of its properties. Back in 1966, our Club raised \$68,000 to complete the building and throughout 1990-93, a further \$100,000 for extensions and renovations. In today's dollars, our Club's contribution is approximately \$350,000.

The Rotary Board approved the initiative late last year following a suggestion by Past President Maurice Mollica. Since then, a committee comprising Maurice, Alister Fraser and Jack Honson and former President Alan Murphy began work. Their plan is to convert the building into a community hub for use by Service Clubs and other community clubs and organisations. Most local clubs now have issues finding suitable venues at which to meet within their limited budgets.

The land is owned by the Department of Human Services, though in recent weeks the Committee has discovered that there are two titles, the other being held by Vic Roads. The Committee wrote to the Minister for Human Services – Jill Hennessy – in December 2016, asking for the property to be leased to the City of Moonee Valley, who in turn could enter into a sub-lease with our Club. The Essendon Football Club has a sub-lease on Windy Hill which is Crown land, but is managed on the Government's behalf by the Council. Our Club is proposing a similar concept. South Melbourne Market is on Crown land but is leased by the market under similar arrangements. There are also similar examples in the City of Darebin.

Minister Hennessy advised the Member of Essendon, Mr. Danny Pearson, in March that her Department had no further use for the building and in accordance with Government protocol, the file was given to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Robin Scott, to decide the building's future. Our Club committee immediately wrote to Mr. Scott who is the Member for Preston, outlining the concept and requesting support.

Alistair Fraser, Alan Murphy and Maurice Mollica had met with Mr. Pearson previously in March. Both Maurice and Alan met with Danny on 29th May, asking him to endeavour to obtain Ministerial approval in principle for what we have proposed, or failing this, decide whether to sell the Crown land.

Meanwhile, Richard Lawrence, in his role as a Moonee Valley Councillor, has met with the Committee and raised the matter with Council CEO Bryan Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster has outlined the steps required to be undertaken to bring the concept to fruition should the Government confirm that the property could be leased to Council for say a 20 year lease at a peppercorn rental. Councillor Lawrence will shortly take a motion to Council seeking formal Council approval for what we are seeking to achieve.

Councillor Lawrence arranged for a delegation of 5 Council staff to inspect the building some 3 weeks ago, and to discuss what is needed to convert it into a viable community meeting venue. Our own Jack Honson, was the architect for the original building and tabled the original plans which he had drawn 50 years ago. Good work Jack.

To assist Councillor Lawrence, the Committee is obtaining letters of support from other District Rotary and Probus clubs, most of whom are having the same difficulties as our Club in finding suitable meeting venues within the area. President Maria will address a meeting of cluster Clubs this week, seeking their support of our concept. Maurice and Alan have contracted some of the Clubs already and we have letters of support.

Council is now looking for the Club to prepare a strategic plan, budgets, responsibility for on-going management and other administrative matters. The Committee has decided to put this request on hold and awaits a firm indication from the Government as to whether it is prepared in principle to lease the property to us, through a long term lease held by Council.

This week's meeting with Mr. Danny Pearson was to request his follow up of Minister Scott for a commitment on the future of the building. We thank Danny for his on-going support and also Councillor Lawrence for his invaluable assistance in opening up formal communications with Council.

At our last meeting on 29th May, our local State Member Mr. Pearson indicated to us that he will be meeting with Treasury on 15th June next, and will let us know the outcome via Alan Murphy.

Club members will be kept in the loop as these negotiations continue.



Rotary Club of Essendon

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

ST ANDREWS CONSERVATORY

FRIDAY JUNE 2017

6:30 FOR 7:00 PM START



3 COURSE MEAL
FIRST DRINK ON ARRIVAL INCLUDED
OTHER DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

RSVP by 23 June 2017
Jane Carbone 0417 329 005
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Date - 30th June 2017



**Days for Girls
Keilor Gateway Cluster
Movie Fundraiser**

When: Wed 12 July 2017

Where: Sun Theatre
8 Ballarat St
Yarraville

Time: 6.15pm

Cost: \$22.00 (including a lolly bag)

RSVP: Sunday 25 June 2017

Please book early at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/QHLK>

Please print and bring your ticket on the night

**Seating is limited, and tickets
will be allocated in order of
receipt of booking/payment.**

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My Cousin Rachel

Adapted from Daphne Du Maurier's novel of the same name, a young Englishman plots revenge against his mysterious, beautiful cousin, believing that she murdered his guardian. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms.

Director: Roger Michell

Stars: Sam Claflin, Rachel Weisz, Holliday Grainger

Money raised from our inaugural fundraiser will enable us to continue to make reusable sanitary hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. Predominantly due to lack of funds, females who have reached puberty can lack access to products for their sanitary needs, putting themselves at risk of infections and exploitation. Without such access girls can miss up to two months of school each year, lowering their education standards and their chances of earning a reasonable income. Once employed it further impacts their ability to consistently attend work. DFG helps by alleviating these problems.



Join MDA for a fun filled Christmas in July Trivia
Night with Christmas festivities, fun trivia and
amazing prizes!

Light nibbles provided, BYO Alcohol with a \$10 per table corkage donation encouraged.

Cost: \$30 per ticket or \$300 for a table of ten.

When: Friday July 21, 2017

Time: 7:00pm arrival for 7:30pm start

Where: MDA HQ – 111 Boundary Road, North Melbourne, 3051,
VIC

Stay tuned for updates on raffle prizes at: www.mda.org.au

Order Tickets Here: <https://mda-online.org/forms/trivia/index.php>





EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
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 – dress in something odd	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's 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
29 th July 2017	Club Forum	TBA – time 10am to 4pm
1 st August 2017	Cancelled	No lunch meeting
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
22 nd August 2017	Larry Marshall – Badge Talk	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
29 th August 2017	TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
5 th Sept 2017	Clair Halliday – Author	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
12 th Sept 2017	DG Visit – Peter Frueh	
19 th Sept 2017	TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
26 th Sept 2017	Helen Penna & Deb Slogett – Cambodia	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm

Thoughts & laughter for the day:

**If you can't
convince
them, confuse
them.** ~Harry S Truman



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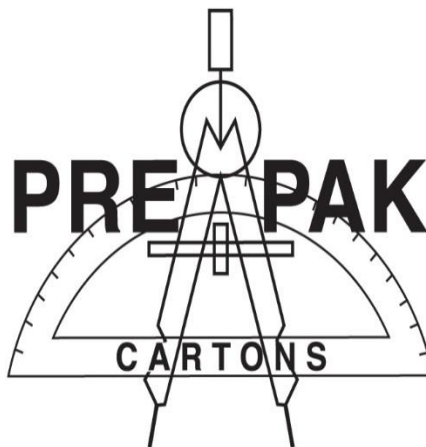
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