



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 Gail Leask, Gaye Cariss, Leigh Baker, Jennifer Lawrence, Mary Henderson, Sandra (Guest of Tim Anderson) as well as Nina Lovengreen our exchange student.

President Maria said that last Saturday our dear member Henry Randell was laid to rest in Kaniva on the South Australian border. She said she met with his wife Margaret, his sisters and children who travelled from far and wide to farewell their beloved Henry.

A eulogy was requested from the club and this was read out by a friend of Henry's who is also a Rotarian & Paul Harris Fellow in Kaniva. A copy is included in this edition of Contact below.

The card signed by all the members was delivered and a tribute notice was posted in the Herald Sun last Friday.

A special thank you to Roger Leask for visiting the family over the last few weeks.

Other matters

- President Maria further stated that on Saturday night she together with Roger Leask and David Abbey attended the changeover celebration for Rotary Club Bendigo where a Royce Abbey Award was presented. This now brings the total awards to around 320 which translates to \$320,000 going to the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship fund.
- The Cancer Council of Australia gave a certificate of appreciation for our continuing support of the Relay for Life Program.
- President Maria mentioned that she had spoken with Irene Langren over the weekend and she wanted her best wishes conveyed to all, she is doing well although it has been a long struggle to get back the mobility she yearns for.
- President Maria said that today is Nina's day, a chance for her to review her experiences over the last year with the Rotary Club of Essendon. President Maria further stated that Nina's school experiences have all been very positive and her on field prowess for Aussie Rules is to be admired. Her host families have welcomed Nina with open arms and included her enthusiastically into their family home and family activities. President Maria said she wanted to thank the host families on behalf of the Rotary Club and on behalf of the Rotary International Exchange program, she said without their support to this program it would not reap the success it has had for so many years.

President Maria then invited Nina to present to us her year at the Rotary Club of Essendon

Maria's quote for the day – *"A farewell is necessary before we can meet again and meeting again is certain for those who are friends"*



Our exchange student Nina spoke to the members about her experience as a Rotary exchange student in Australia. She said -

"It all started with a dream, and my dream was to be an exchange student, so I researched all my options and as luck would have it found Rotary. I was so lucky to get my first preference country Australia!"

After that it went so quick, I got the names of my first host family and counsellor Jane and could not wait to leave so I researched everything looked at the town and where you guys were living and my school, I think it is ok to call me a stalker!

When the day came to leave I had packed my bags and said goodbye to my family, my sister was crying and my brother was very happy, he had the house to himself!

When I landed in Australia and met you guys for the first time, man, it was weird, this was the only time I thought to myself, what have I done?

But then you guys were really nice as you gave me flowers and a scarf and beanie Essendon of course.

This was also the time I noticed the first differences from Australia and Denmark, for I thought I was good in English, but honestly I had no idea what Peter was saying that night, I just nodded and smiled like Rotary told us to do!

That was the start of my amazing year here for which I am truly grateful. Now I need to go home and study in my own school and I think my parents are missing me, a lot of people have asked me whether I am excited to go home and I say yes I do miss my family but I am going to miss Australia so much.

It will probably be good for a few days once I get back, after that I will be like I am ready to go home to Australia, because I will remember the wonderful year I had.

Throughout the year I have experienced some amazing things, I even remember the dinners and the school life, even little things that have had such a big impact on me.

I now feel so much stronger and older, things such as speaking to new people and sleeping in new family homes are getting easier.

I can't even begin to describe how much the year has taught me about myself and the world around me from being on a cloud to be missing my family a bit, the year has taught me so many new things and I cannot thank you all enough.

I cannot tell you everything I have done as that would take ages, so I have made a video showing some of the things I have done throughout the year"

Nina presented a very interesting video of her time as an exchange student in Australia



Nina giving her talk



Nina with her Counsellor Jane Carbone



President Maria, Jane Carbone & Nina with her Aussie Hat



Rotary Club of Essendon

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

ST ANDREWS CONSERVATORY
FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017
6:30 FOR 7:00 PM START



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

DRESS CODE BLACK & WHITE

RSVP by 23 June 2017
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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.

Other announcements

The raffle was won by Jennifer Lawrence but failed to draw the joker from the pack

Sergeant Michael announced the birthdays: Jenny Mann's partner Peter Mifsud's birthday tomorrow 14th June, Jenni had to pay a fine in lieu

Angelina Airo-Farulla's birthday and Lino had to pay up

Michael Cariss admitted that it was his birthday which falls on the same day as Beatle Paul McCartney's, Michael had to pay up for having a striking resemblance to the great singer.



Sergeant Michael



Eulogy to Henry Randell

Today we join you in saying farewell to our dear friend and member of the Rotary Club Essendon District 9800.

Henry joined our club in 2003 and from the first day members and their partners were captivated by his gentle, caring manner and the warmth of his smile.

He was always interested in everyone – whether they be young or old, and whatever they did in their daily life he had the time to listen to them and share with them.

He was bestowed by the Rotary Club of Essendon a **Paul Harris Recognition** for his outstanding service to Rotary programs, both in the local area and in needy communities overseas, and a **Royce Abbey Award** in honour of Royce Abbey the Essendon Rotarian who served as President of Rotary International in 1988/89 for Henry's work and total commitment to Rotary.

Many of us were blessed to have worked with him as he was a committed and loyal club member.

He served on the Community Committee, Fellowship, Youth and Vocational and his pride and joy was to coordinate and manage the Relay for Life every year.

Seeking sponsorship, organising the Fellowship tent and food for all the members, and the all-important "Roster of Walkers and Runners".

If he didn't have enough walkers then he took to the track himself. Often some of the member's sons aged 18 -20 would offer to take to the track after a big night out and would sober up, walking from 1.00 to 4.00am.

Henry would take on the role as protector of the boys providing them with healthy snacks, water and when they wanted to leave at the end of the walk he would insist they take a taxi home – always thinking of their safety.

These boys were comfortable to taking a tram or train – Henry would give them the taxi fare home.

And who will forget his beautiful singing voice and his singing of the Haka. Many a Christmas club celebration include Henry with his mellow soothing voice singing Christmas carols and the most memorable Maori lullabies.

Our thoughts are with Margaret and his family.

Rest in Peace Henry!

Por op or oaki - farewell dear friend.

On behalf of all the members and their families.

President Maria Kouppas

Rotary Club Essendon - District 9800



**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
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	Football theme – Grand Final week	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
3 rd Oct 2017	Deb Slogget & Helen Penna - Cambodia	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm

Thought for the day:





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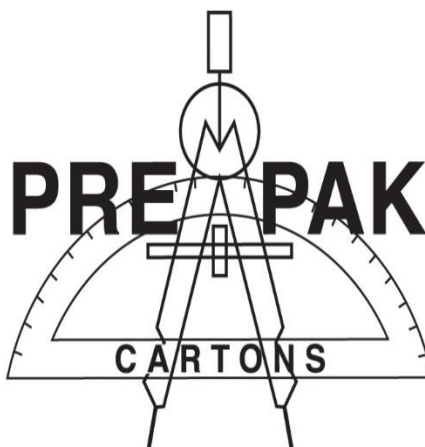
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