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President Maria's message – Last meeting

President Maria was invited to the podium by the sergeant Michael Cariss, as she was wearing her winter boots she was welcomed to her last meeting to the tune of "These boots are meant for walking" Maria took the cue and started dancing to the tune to the delight of all present. President Maria welcomed all including Gail Leask, Gaye Cariss.

President Maria's final talk in her own words:

"Dear Rotarians and friends

Is been just on a year since I was inducted as your 82nd President. A title not to be taken too lightly as you skim your fingers over the many wonderful and capable presidents who have had the honour of wearing this Presidential chain.

Wow what a year, weekly Lunchtime meetings , monthly Board Meetings, Art show meetings, cluster meetings, Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship meetings, DIK and if that's not enough lets add a few more; meet with the RDNS working party, the steam train committee etc etc. .

It truly has been a full year, an amazing year and I have each and every one of you to thank for the trust you have given me to lead this club.

I promised a year of business as usual and focusing on the members, the fellowship and to continue to make our successful projects, successful moving into the coming year.

A leader is only as good as his/her team and I am blessed to have been surrounded by amazing and capable people. I have had the chance to learn so much more about Rotary, and to get to know you the members on a closer level appreciating the many years of experience that sits here in this club today. To the Board and members my sincere gratitude.

I want to again welcome the new members to our club; Jenni Mann, Andrew Johnston, Bev Smyth and Larry Marshall wishing them a wonderful future in Rotary.

We welcomed back at every opportunity Ian Thomas, Pat O'Connell, Wal Dibben and my First President in my year of Induction Alan Murphy for his support and guidance as to how best we should work to access the RDNS site.

Thank you to the Friends of Rotary and the partners of all the members who have enthusiastically supported my Board and myself this year.



I want to acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and Rotarian Henry Randell.

And to wish President Elect Jenny Foster all the best for her upcoming Presidency

From the directory I would like to also thank and acknowledge the following Rotarians

- Kelly for your assistance and positive attitude and your role as treasurer has been appreciated as well as your commitment to support Fellowship and Club services projects.*
- Lino at the front desk week after week and your support in community projects where the community gets to see the Rotarians at work. Your technical skills are a real asset to the club.*
- Timothy you are a true supporter for all activities and your work on the International projects is amazing.*
- Peter B, you are an all-rounder, stepping in as Secretary as needed, putting your hand to Graffiti cleaning up and of course your work in District with the Exchange student program*
- Jane C you can produce scones by the hundred with a minimum of fuss, chair Fellowship and ensure that all the items are ticked off and still keep that electric smile on your face, as well as ensuring Roger gets his weekly fix of chips.*
- Michael C every week you turn up and persevere with getting the meeting up and running on time, acknowledging birthdays, inductions and there are some members who do not appreciate a good joke – do they? And your tireless efforts in producing the Club Directory and Memo Cards for PHF recipients.*
- John C – your commitment to community projects and ensuring the broader Community sees the real Rotary in action. You do it with the minimum of fuss and it is commendable. It's the hands on Rotary work that has your support and commitment.*
- Stephen C thank you for taking over as Community chair in January this year, and for all the work you have done with the Steam Train Day the Art Show, being our Historian and not mentioning the bloody Bollards once!*
- Peter Condos – my Vice President THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU, for your counsel, your support, meeting me at coffee shops here and wide, stepping in when I was unwell and being the best VP a President could ask for.*
- Tony C you have supported me this year especially with the Friends of Rotary functions this year, and you always give me encouraging comments and that means a great deal to me. Your support of the Fellowship functions makes it all worthwhile.*
- Alistair F - Steam Train Day, Art Show Easter Egg Hunt RDNS working party, Greek Easter Dinner it's no function without Alistair and Pat being there. You are a true advocate of community and rotary working together.*
- Peter H PPP thank you for your guidance this year especially with the registration and re accredited of the BBQ trailer. Your work at Peggs with the Drug /Ice Forum certainly showed an area where your commitment to Youth and the related health issues lies. The cluster also thanks you for your support.*
- Neil the stats man, and true advocate of Rotary in the community – if it is cooking sausages or selling them Neil is there. The Steam train day, Traffic School, Relay for Life even taking Rotary to the outback Neil's your man.*
- Jack H MR 100% - meeting your beautiful family was a real highlight for me this year and your professional counsel in matters RDNS has certainly made the counsel appreciate the work that went in to establishing this site.*
- Tamara although she has left the club, I do want to acknowledge her wonderful approach to life and her willingness to step in and be Editor when our Editor Sunil was often called away to play cricket for Sri Lanka.*
- Don Knee – you are very special to me as you always make me feel I am getting a cuddle from my own dad. I love you dearly. Thank you for being there and being in my life.*



- *Dennis your support with the Art Show, steam train day and of course all the beautiful framing you continuously do for the club whether it be for a Royce Abbey Awardees or special presentations, and of course your work in Youth and Vocational.*
- *Shirley our wellness coordinator and organiser of Vocational visits. A tag team with Ray at the Art Show, Steam Train and the various International project. Maybe it's time to make Ray a member of the club!*
- *Richard or should I say Councillor Richard your commitment to Rotary and Rotary in the community goes above and beyond what I can describe here today. You are always willing to wear another hat – Steam Train, Graffiti, Exchange Family Host etc etc .*
- *Roger L – I am convinced he has me on speed dial. And when Gayle prefers a night at home with a friend to a 2 hour drive to Bendigo to listen to Rogers poems and philosophy on Rotary - not sure how to take it. Roger you have been an amazing support to me this year and our friendship will continue for years to come.*
- *Darryl front desk, men's shed, Art Show and your work in Youth and Vocational all major aspects of Rotary in the community. I know you also do volunteering at the Melbourne Airport again helping the community.*
- *Foong does this man ever say NO? – so generous with his support in so many ways. A behind the scenes Rotarian that makes a difference whenever possible. We were the envy of all the teams at Relay for Life with the Coffex cappuccino machine. And your companies support at the Steam Train Day took a cuppa on the train to a much higher level.*
- *Lisa how do you do it? Art Show, men's Shed, Days for Girls, Rotary Book club to name but a few and of course your work with International. You often would ask me – simply – how's it going? And that meant a lot, no keeping you down girl is there?*
- *Michael Mahoney – although Michael hasn't been attending due to ill health I treasure his emails and short conversations we have via I phones often quite late at night. Get stronger and better Michael as there is always something to do at Rotary.*
- *Maurice you are there week in week out at the front desk organising the team/ or at least trying to. Coordinating with the Anglers team and of course the driving force behind the RDNS site working party. That why Royce Abbey Awards are presented and you so deserved it.*
- *Norm - fellowship and Club Service are the nominated committees you served in this year. You took it upon yourself to ensure our guest were made to feel welcomed and at ease, and you took the time to always talk to any Rotarian that seemed to be alone or not engaged. That is a special quality and we so need this in our club.*
- *Cathy chair of International thank you for guiding this committee this year and your commitment to International projects is exemplary. You are always fair and open minded and true to your beliefs. You are able to take people with you on your journey in making a difference.*
- *John O – chair of Youth and Vocational a team you have led with passion and the clarity of mind to ensure we are fair and transparent to all. But it the work you do at other times – the Men's shed and DIK that not many realise what a commitment of both your time and energy this is. Thank you*
- *Veronica – my Irish sister = ART Show – you led this partnership project with Keilor East so professionally to culminate in a three day event each day with its own special theme. Big shoes to fill, but watch this space as Veronica prepares to be the 84th president in 2018 -2019*
- *Michael Pepi – thank you for all you have done this past Rotary Year, your counsel I know has been appreciated by Jane and who better to sell tea coffee scones, beer , champagne or wine at the Art Show. Rumour has it that you even tried to sell some of the furniture at the mansion– but all for a good cause.*
- *Sunil the editor thank you for producing Contact week in week out. Taking the time to visit Jean Abbey, attending Men's shed meetings and helping in any way possible. Fitting it all in around a blossoming Cricket Career!!! - For Sri Lanka!!!!*

Often Sunil would say to me, at the end of a lunch meeting “don't worry Maria I will make it up, I am good at this you know”

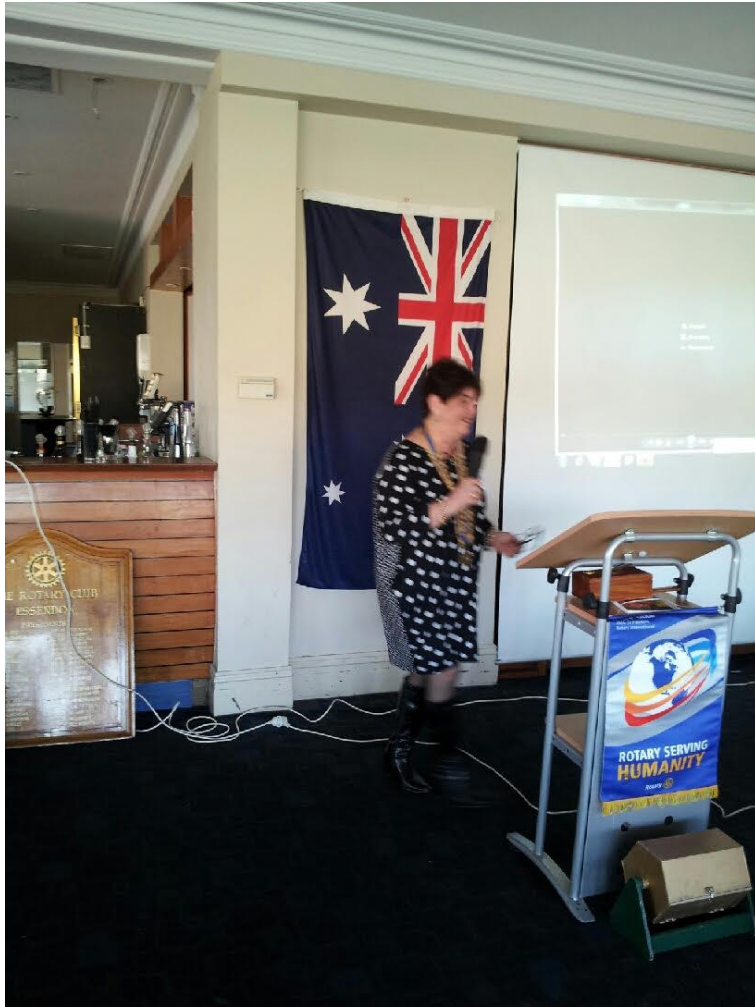


- *Roger P always helping out no matter what the project you know if you ask Roger - no need to fuss or worry - it will get done. Like a well-oiled machine, he knows how many sausages you need, paper towels, napkins, bread etc etc. Traffic School and Caroline Chisholm all are for the better with Rogers's commitment.*
- *Michael P taking care of our school relationships through youth and vocational, new member interviews and sourcing new members at the most painful time of their treatment. And your support on the Steam Train Day, Bahay Tulian and the Art show all became family affairs.*
- *Jane P a keen supporter of International projects and helping where possible especially with the Art Show over the three days. Always with a positive can do approach, no fuss just getting things done.*
- *Anne R another keen supporter of International projects where her first passion lies, but certainly a great help at the Steam Train Day, and the Art show which were an all club project. Enjoying Fellowship whenever and where ever.*
- *Stephen R what a secretary –thank you so much - he knows the rules inside out and if he doesn't sets about getting the information you need. Highly organised and manages time to the last second – comforting when you consider what his day job is.*
- *Bernadette due to work commitments hasn't been attending but we haven't seen the last of Bernadette. She is a true asset for the Rotary Club of Essendon.*
- *Grant Sheldon Art Show what patience, what diplomacy - I am certain you have all been privy to Grants wit in the past – no reply all emails – only email to those that should be included – no unnecessary meetings – let's cut to the chase – right we have been here one hour too long. Your role on the Art Show management team is crucial to its continuing success.*
- *Glenn Smith thank you for assisting me with Friends of Rotary and helping cleanse the many lists that have been floating around for years. You will be sadly missed by your many friends at Rotary Club Essendon. Although I do have you on speed dial!*
- *Grant Stephenson working with Boris on Rotary Presents was a difficult task in managing to coordinate all the unknowns. All is not lost as the ground work is done and a new date to be confirmed. Your support of all projects Rotary is appreciated and makes the difference between good and really good.*
- *Boris firstly thank you for allowing your Board room to be used by the Board this year. Location and time are very important for all of us and the venue ticked all the boxes. Your commitment to sourcing a variety of weekly speakers was appreciated, as we covered all aspects of Rotary commitment as per the brief and for this I thank you. MDA has supported me in my role this year allowing me the time and flexibility to meet my Rotary commitments.*
- *Sam T our legal officer one we hope we never need, but great to know he is there. Your support to all Rotary projects is appreciated. Your help the Art show and Graffiti clean-up, Relay for Life to name but a few. Wearing Versace and Calvin Klein to clean Graffiti is however a little too dressy don't you think?*
- *Steve W Youth and Vocational have appreciated your input and clarity of ideas and thoughts. Your support of Charter night, and I know your interests also sit within Community and moving forward many more projects to be involved with.*

Lastly but with all my heart thank you to my darling husband John who has been supportive of me in taking on this role. He has never said no and kept the kids fed and when all else failed went to the neighbours for a meal followed by a Gin and Tonic!!!!

My three beautiful sons; PJ, Zenos and Paolos have learnt to cook, clean iron shirts and tidy and tidy the kitchen, and for this, I thank you the Rotary Club Essendon, seriously I thank each of them for their support and their computer skills!!!!!!

Thank you Rotary Club Essendon, I have had the most amazing year and thoroughly recommend it to my fellow Rotarians if you get the opportunity"



President Maria dancing to the tune of “These boots are meant for walking” (left) Maria giving her talk (right)





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 Tim Anderson but failed to draw the joker from the pack

Sergeant Michael announced the birthdays: Margarite Portelli, Maureen Le, Anne Ramsay, Sana Halaseh

Michael Cariss announced the induction dates of the following members:

John Chadderton 43 years,

Darly Lee 4 years,

Grant Stephenson 4 years,

Peter Condos 35 years,

Neil Henderson 30 years,

Roger Leask 43 years,

Tony Colicchia 27 years

NO MEETING NEXT TUESDAY 27th JUNE



**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 Night meeting 6pm to 7.30pm
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:

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." - Mahatma Gandhi



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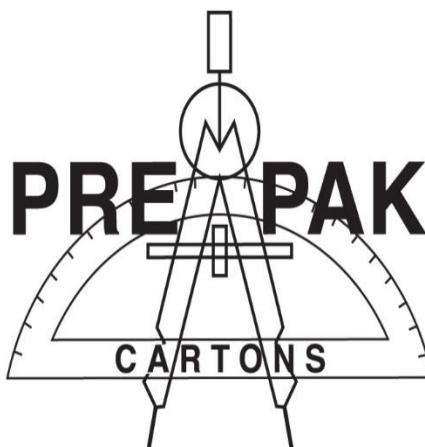
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