



Maria Kouppas  
President 2016-17

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### President Maria's message –

As is tradition the final Board meeting is where the outgoing President has the privilege to disburse funds as he/she feels would make significant impact with of course the full approval of the Board. Last night was just that.

**\$5,700** was given back to the Rotary Club Essendon as these funds were from the dismantling of the Wishing Well that was situated within the Queens Park area. Monies were bagged and stored till they were eventually returned to RCE for distribution. For this reason as they are from the wishing well, from the members of our community I feel they should be redistributed back into the community. Ensuring we capture all ages and in all states of need.

Based on this, the funds have been allocated to the following organisations.

1. **State Emergency Services Moonee Valley - \$1,000.00** they assist all the areas of the community and are manned by Volunteers. Funds will be determined as to what use they will be committed to by SES Team at Moonee Valley SES.
2. **Essendon Traffic School - \$1,000.00** With a Long-time connection with the RCE - Roger Priestley (more recently). Funds will go towards the purchase of helmets and additional bikes at wholesale price.
3. **Macaulay Community Services \$2,000.00** Women and Children in violence- theme of our cluster in 2017 – 2018. Cathy Nicou is working with this organisation and sees firsthand the urgency and need for funds in our area.
4. **Pascoe Vale Uniting Boys Club \$1,500.00** Associated with long time member Don Knee, John and Peter Knee, and John Kouppas - a non-profit organisation established over 60 years ago to teach boys in surrounding areas gymnastic skills, and to promote the development of boys into respected members of our community and to develop their leadership skills. Currently run by a former RYLA candidate from the RCE who went on to complete his Degree in Sciences and worked internationally. Total Membership is 75 youths – (Midgets, Junior Intermediates and seniors)

Additionally the Board agreed that we would also donate the following:

1. Our annual donation to **Foundation – Rotary International** this year will be **\$5,000.00**. This is based on \$100.00 per member = based on 50 current members.
2. **Syrian Refugees via Rotary Club Kew and Rotary Club of Rhodes - \$2,000.00** This will aid the purchase of vaccines and inoculations for Syrian Refugees landing on the Greek islands. Of the hundreds of babies, toddlers and young children many have never been medically checked from birth. Suffering ENT and other infections. Supported by Peter Condos and myself. Funds go to and are managed directly by Rotary Club of Rhodes.
3. **Muscular Dystrophy Australia \$1,000.00** - MDA has offered their premises for 2 years for all Board meetings and other committees meetings as required and have been hosting the Rotary Club Essendon email server for the past 5 years. These funds will be allocated to support the next camp entertainment for 40 plus affected clients. (Animal farm, Disco, Craft activities etc.) - B.Struk and M. Kouppas



Proportionally the total funds have been distributed as follows;

**Total Distribution of \$13,500.00** = Local Community 48%, International 15%, Foundation 37%

**Distribution to Local Community** = State Emergency Services 15.4%, Essendon Traffic School 15.4%, Pascoe Vale Boys Club 23.5%, Macaulay Services 30%, Muscular Dystrophy Australia 15.4%

**International Distribution** = Foundation 71%, Rotary Club Rhodes via Rotary Club Kew 29%

**Age Group Supported by this distribution** = Traffic School 15% - up to 12 years, Macaulay Services 31% - 1 – 60 plus, State Emergency Services 15% - all ages, Muscular Dystrophy Australia 15% 6 – 70 plus, Pascoe Vale Boys Club 23% - 5 -25 plus

A full financial report will be presented at the Annual General Meeting as scheduled for November 2017 which will include all projects and financial support from the Rotary Club Essendon supports.

I sincerely thank the outgoing Board for their commitment and support in this past Rotary year. And convey my gratitude to all the members of the Rotary Club OF Essendon who have given of their time to attend Committee meetings, project meetings and the huge total of volunteer hours that have ensured we have had another successful year where projects have consolidated and been completed. We are a proud club with history with a strong basis in our local community.

### Passing of Graeme Allison

Last Monday I accompanied past President Roger Leask to visit the Rotary Club Drysdale where a Royce Abbey award was presented. A wonderful night that included a number of recognitions awarded to members. One of which was **our own Past District Governor 9800 Graeme Allison** who was awarded a Double Sapphire Paul Harris Recognition. He and Rose asked about the many members who they know as friends as well as members and were keen that we convey their best wishes.

Time is so precious, and every moment must be treasured, as sadly this morning we were notified by the Rotary Club Drysdale that Graeme passed away last night. Graeme was taken to hospital after the meeting on Monday evening. Graeme truly exemplified **Service above Self** and the Rotary Club of Drysdale, Roger and I were truly fortunate to spend Monday night in his company.

Rose and Graeme recently moved to Leopold and I include their new address for those who may want to send a message to Rose and Family - 9 Pine Grove, Leopold Vic 3224

This is my last Presidents message for 2016 – 2017, I wish incoming President Jenny Foster a wonderful year, and ask that the club continue their support as they have shown to me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



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.

## **Thought for the day**

Fools multiply when  
wise men are silent.  
— Nelson Mandela







**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.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>President's night</b>	St Andrews Conservatory
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>President's Induction</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>Jane Odgers – Life as a volunteer</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>Russell Hayes – Wheelchairs for Kids</b>	<b>The Anglers Tavern 6 pm to 7.30 pm</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>Strathmore Men's shed</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
29 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>Club Forum</b>	TBA – time 10am to 4pm
1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017	<b>Cancelled</b>	No lunch meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	<b>Trevor Schwenke – CEO Kangan</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	<b>Stephanie Woollard- Founder "Seven women"</b>	<b>The Anglers Tavern 6 pm to 7.30 pm</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2017	<b>Larry Marshall – Badge Talk</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	<b>TBA</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	<b>Clair Halliday – Author</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	<b>DG Visit – Peter Frueh</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	<b>TBA</b>	The Anglers Tavern <b>Night meeting 6pm to 7.30pm</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	<b>Football theme – Grand Final week</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2017	<b>Deb Slogget &amp; Helen Penna - Cambodia</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm



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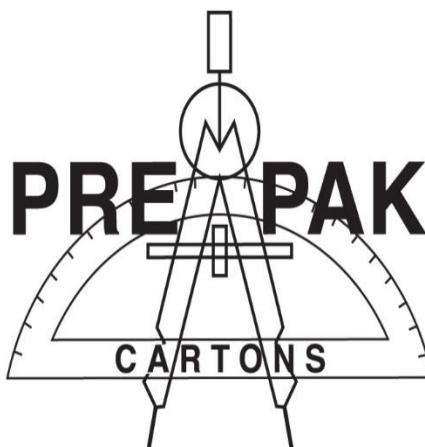
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Help yourself and help the Club by banking with Strathmore Community Bank. For example, take out a home loan and the club will receive up to \$500. Take out a 3 month fixed term deposit and the club will receive up to \$50.

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