

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 - 6:45 pm Dinner Meeting at Anglers Hotel

WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ?

Our next **night meeting** is looking fantastic as we will be exploring AI, how it is effecting our lives already but more importantly its imminent impact on our lives, the lives of our children, grandchildren, fellow workers and society in general in the next 5 years. Dr Fabio will even let us get hands on with some Virtual Reality.

Please spread the word, invite people along to gain from this wonderful speaker. Bringing guests along isn't so much about trying to sign them up to Rotary but providing a service within our community, access to wonderful speakers. If guests enjoy, they become our positive PR to the wider community.



Online bookings at <https://rce.org.au/event/dinner-meeting-6-45pm-1/>

Sunday 28th October 2018 – High Tea at Drusilla Mansion, Mt Macedon 12pm to 5pm



Bookings now open at

<https://rce.org.au/event/high-tea-at--quote-drusilla-quot--mt-macedon/>

Tickets \$ 75

Includes Bus from Essendon
Sparkling Wine on arrival & three tiers
of delectable delights
One off Opportunity – Drusilla is not
normally open to the Public and
includes fascinating collection of
memorabilia.

Rotary Club of Essendon supporting
Edmund Rice programs and camps
for Victorian children and families
from disadvantaged backgrounds

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Rotary Club of Essendon Committee Report – 18 September 2018

Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship Committee

A quick refresher:

Within **The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund** is an account known as the **Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund**. This account was established with donations from the District Governors from around the world in 1988/89. Since its establishment the Fund has grown significantly, primarily due to the 350 or so **Royce Abbey Awards**, a contribution of approximately \$350,000. This is a wonderful contribution by the **Rotary Club of Essendon to The Rotary Foundation** and specifically the **Endowed Fund**.

Earnings from the **Fund** finance the **Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship**. We currently have **USD\$62,000** available for expenditure on scholarships.

Each scholarship is worth up to **USD\$10,000**, for a person or a team, ideally from the Asia Pacific Region, for a period of up to 3 months and consisting of practical training in Australia.

Current News

We have an applicant from India sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Armadale in WA** ready to come to Australia. The scholarship is currently held up by the Australian High Commission in India refusing to grant a visa! Hopefully that will soon be resolved. The scholarship funds are in the Essendon account waiting to be distributed.

The **Rotary Club of Essendon** has lodged an application with the Committee for **Jenny Endolina** from the **Philippines** and we also have an application from the **Rotary Club of Kew** for **Serafim Bobo Martins** from **Timor Leste**. There are two other excellent applications also pending. There is a lot happening.

The committee dedicated time this year to developing a strategy for the future. We have tweaked the scholarship criteria to make it more accessible and reviewed our procedures. We are in the process of reviewing the structure of the committee to ensure we have the appropriate skills and connections to further develop the scholarship programme.

It is an ongoing process by the end of which we should have a scholarship programme more accessible and we think more effective. The **Royce and Jean Vocational Scholarship** is not a **Rotary Club of Essendon** programme but it has connections and support from this club, particularly through the **Royce Abbey Award**.

David Abbey – Chair

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Michael Pepi – Committee presentation

- Myanmar
Tim has been in touch with Kerstin in Myanmar to get more information on how we can assist after the devastation that Cyclone Mora has caused
- **DIK is probably the most practical and cost effective way to help people in developing countries also provides excellent opportunities to help local communities. The management committee has an ongoing challenge to meet rental costs at \$ 113021 per annum. The 16 DIK inc members contribute around 68% of total rent. The remainder has to come from donations ,freight and scrap metal. DIK will have a presentation at next year’s multi district conference**
- Men’s Shed representative Daryl he reported that due to increased numbers attending the shed is now open on Tuesdays in addition to Wednesdays & Saturday. The most exiting news is that the memorandum of understanding between the Men shed management committee and Moonee Valley council has been signed off , the men’s shed now runs pretty much independently of council
- Days for Girls
This program was instigated about 2 years ago by Keilor East with about 8 members making sanitary kits for young secondary school girls in Balibo, Timor Leste and has now grown to over 50, and more recently year 11 & 12 girls from St Columbans have also joined, so it is an international project that also involves the local community.
The board has approved a financial contribution of \$1000. I’ll be attending their sew in on the 26th of September and I encourage anyone to join me if you are able.
- The committee is engaged in investigating a potential local project
- Youth Committee - Michael Portelli



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- Youth Committee aims to engage Youth in our community, through existing leadership programs RYPEN, RYLA, and educational enrichment Science programs such as NYSF.
- This year the RCE has four successful students from PEGS that will be heading up to Canberra for the NYSF.
- Our committee has identified a need to complement and balance youth events with a more artistic focus.
- To play a more active role in a sustainable environment, as well as promoting Rotary we have applied for a grant to produce Enviro Calico bags. We have several fundraising projects in the pipeline.
- We would like to draw your attention to an amazing High Tea at Drusilla Mansion on Sunday the 28th of October. It promises to be a wonderful day for our club members, their family, and friends to enjoy.
- With sponsors like Brunetti's and cake decorator Peter Haber, the event will have mouth-watering treats; Jane Carbone will be making her delicious scones with jam and cream, Sue Condos and her team will create an arrangement of High tea sandwiches and much much more. There will be sparking wine on arrival and we have secured a liquor license for wine and beer lovers. Fong is supplying his coffee machines and is one of many people that will supply hampers and gifts for prizes. We have The Grace Note Singer Choir that will be performing for us throughout the afternoon, as well as tours of the incredible collections of memorabilia and exquisite lakeside gardens. Please get online soon and book your seat. Numbers are limited.
- The fundraising will go primarily towards Edmund Rice programs and camps for disadvantaged kids.
- Adrian Scerri, who manages Edmund Rice camps will briefly talk about the programs and camps

Adrian Scerri program co-ordinator, Edmund Rice Camps. The funds from the Driscilla high tea are going to support Edmund Rice Camps.

With the support of hundreds of volunteers, Edmund Rice Camps Inc. provides camps and other programs for children and families who are disadvantaged, in an atmosphere of acceptance, care and fun. Every year we run 12 residential camps for a variety of groups including Asylum Seekers, Indigenous kids, families from Refugee backgrounds, and children who have experience trauma and family violence.

Our volunteers are primarily young people aged 17-25 years old, recruited from schools across Melbourne including schools around Essendon: St Columba's College, St Bernard's College and Ave Maria. The funds from the Drusilla High Tea will be used to fund our Summer 2019 programs.

Tuesday meeting on 16 October DG Bronwyn Stephens will be in attendance, it is an opportunity to hear from our District Governor and priorities for the coming Rotary Year.

NYSF – National Youth Science Forum

Is a Rotary program to inspire young Australians to value science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and its importance in our communities.



Congratulations to William, Shraddha, Isha and Grace who are the 4 students supported by Rotary Club of Essendon, who have made it successfully through

Community News

Sunday 11th November 2018 will mark the 100th year since the end of World War One.

To commemorate a special service and celebration is being organized by the Essendon RSL will be held in Queens Park starting at 10:30 am

END POLIO PUSH IN DIK WHEELCHAIRS

Saturday November 17th

Who would like to join our team to prance around Albert Park Lake dressed as a punk, pirate or princess !

Must be prepared to dress up and raise sponsorship.

Please contact Kelly on 0413 027 156 to join in !!



Caroline Chisholm Society is in desperate need of baby wipes for their care packs. Next time you are in the Supermarket pick up a few packs and drop them into 977 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon



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Save the Date for next year's Multi District Conference which will be in Melbourne from the 15th to 17th of February 2019. Could Members who are interested in hosting Rotarians from out of town at their home, please let Kelly know.

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