



The Weekly Bulletin of the

# Rotary Club of Essendon North

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Editor: grant@grantmaggs.com.au)

**This Week: Dr. Pyae Phyo Aung,**  
**Rotary Foundatrion Scholar**  
**"Dream Comes True, The Journey Begins"**  
**Chair: Christine Richardson**



Dr. Pyae Phyo Aung is the current scholar from Myanmar sponsored by the Rotary Foundation executed through the Rotary District 9800 Inc., the Rotary Club of Melbourne Inc., the Rotary Club of Camberwell Inc. and the Baker Foundation. He is now studying Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program at the University of Melbourne for the academic year 2014-2015.

He is a public health professional who has worked in many non-profit organizations including International NGOs and United Nations Agency in Myanmar nearly 6 years. He has extensive experience on managing public health programs including Maternal and Child Health, HI, TB & Malaria, Reproductive Health and Health System Strengthening.

One of his dreams in life is to study abroad for his master degree in Australia. Now his dream is coming true.

Upon the return from Australia after his MPH study, he will be going to address the health and development needs of the community in his country.

Now he is in the beginning stage of this journey to be fully committed to serve as an advanced public health service provider to the communities in providing the essential services for maternal and child health, HIV, TB

and Malaria, other communicable and non-communicable disease and emerging diseases.

Additionally he will be one of the public health experts in the country who can give inputs for formulating more effective public health projects and programs to uplift the health and development status of the people in his own country for the long run.

## From the Oval Office...

*President David Ursic*

Greetings Fellow Rotarians.

Both Sue and I have just returned from the District 9800 Conference which was held at the Westpoint Hotel in Hobart on both Friday and Saturday. Some 600+ Rotarians attended including our own Rosa Pereira and Christine Richardson.

It was a first time experience for both Sue and I and it was certainly a trip never to be forgotten. The power of Rotarians shone through with such brilliance. Stand out Cluster Group presentations on each club's current projects, brilliant Exchange Student presentations and numerous first class speakers that made the audience laugh and cry. The weekend had it all!

The event was hosted by the RC of Williamstown (Murray and Irene Verso's home club) and what a first class job they pulled off. Every aspect flowed with precision. The Saturday night Gala Dinner was a fitting end to a great weekend.

Great company with the RC of Essendon members on our table, entertainment by an amazing magician and singing by an ex Bendigonian: Colleen Hewitt. Colleen brought all attendees to their feet for an hour of singing and dancing and boy...has she still got it after forty plus years!

I congratulated Murray on behalf of our Club for an outstanding Conference and wished him well for the next few months before he hands over the reins.

Photos of the event will be posted on Rosa's return.

Definitely a "Light Up Rotary" event.

Enjoy your week.

IL Presidente David



## Colour Fest Run!

Barry Coleman

Thanks to those who have responded to my email seeking volunteers for next Sunday. I will have complete details at Rotary on Wednesday night.

For those unable to attend but would be able to give up a couple of hours to assist pack "Run" Bags at the MVCC Offices this Friday between the hours of 11.00am and 2.00pm it would be very much appreciated.

**Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.**  
Club No. 21222 Registered No. A0018160Y

**KEILOR EAST BENDIGO BANK**  
*presents*  
**ROTARY'S GALA CONCERT**  
 "LIGHT UP OTHER LIVES"  
*Featuring*  
**Silvie Paladino**  
 &  
**Victoria Welsh Male Voice Choir**  
 Musical Director Faláry Koezkar OAM.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 At  
**Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School**  
 Leslie Rd. Essendon, Victoria, 3040

Raising Funds to support our Rotary International Education Projects in  
**Cambodia, Tibet & Peru**

**Tickets**

**VIP:** \$90 per ticket - Premium Seats & including  
 (pre concert drinks & food from 6.00pm - 7.15pm & drinks after the concert)

**Standard:** \$50 per ticket

**Concession:** \$35 per ticket - Pension & student card holders only

Purchase tickets online at <http://www.trybooking.com/HCKE>

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Barry Harvey: 18<sup>th</sup> March.

### Coming Soon:

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar: Moonee Valley Colour Fest Run

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: Rhonda Burchmore performance

Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Asylum Seeker Resource Centre  
 "Asylum Seekers" (Chair: Grant Maggs)

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Apr: Sam Pennisi and Judith Whelan "Antarctic Trips"

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Apr: Elias Lebbos "Travellers Aid" (Chair: Max Nicholls)

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr: 'Rotarians At Work Days'

**Annual Past Runners' Breakfast**  
 Medway Golf Club, Omar Street Maidstone on Wednesday 1 April, 2015  
 Commencing 7:30am until 9:00am

The annual Past Runner's Breakfast is conducted every year in the week leading up to the Stawell Easter Gift carnival. This is Australia's most prestigious and well known professional foot-racing event with national Television and Radio coverage. The breakfast recognises many of the previous runners over the years, many of whom are still involved with the sport.

- Luke Versace, 2014 Stawell Gift winner will be Guest of Honour
- Ricky Dunbar will provide some form pointers for the Stawell Easter Carnival
- John Henry will comment on the betting odds.
- Multi-Prize Raffle

All Rotarians invited to make up table of 8 guests  
 Cost: \$25 per person (full breakfast)

RSVP by 27 March to Vance Hilton  
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 (M) 0448 150 235  
 Email: [prb@rotaryflemington.org.au](mailto:prb@rotaryflemington.org.au)

Jointly hosted by Past Runners' Association and the Rotary Club of Flemington Inc.  
 Profits from the breakfast will be donated to the Past Runners' Sponsorship Fund.  
[www.rotaryflemington.org.au](http://www.rotaryflemington.org.au)

WE'RE RAISING FUNDS FOR

Leukaemia Foundation  
 VISION TO CURE  
 MISSION TO CARE

## Footy Tipping: Get On It!

"There's two times of year for me: Football season, and waiting for football season."

Darius Rucker

The wait is almost over!

This year the Rotary Club of Essendon North Footy Tipping Competition will be raising funds for the Leukaemia foundation.

"The Leukaemia Foundation is delighted to advise that Mr David Mott and the Rotary Club of Essendon North are valued supporters and are officially authorized to fundraise on behalf of the Foundation.

This authority extends solely to raising funds for the Foundation in the following ways:

Rotary Club of Essendon North, NRL and AFL online footy competition"



We gratefully acknowledge sponsorship by the Strathmore Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Rotary Club of Essendon North meets every Wednesday at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Fredricks, Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon. [www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rccsnth/](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rccsnth/)

Contact Rotary Club of Essendon North: Membership Director, and President, David Ursic (9374 1255).