



The Weekly Bulletin of the

# Rotary Club of Essendon North

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## This Week: Club Forum



Make sure you are there for the night when we backbenchers have our say in the direction of the club. There are many important issues and challenges facing the club and the Club Forum is the setting that provides the rank-and-file with an opportunity to contribute ideas and energy for the board to act upon.

There is the issue of membership, otherwise known as survival. There are many effective ways to gather new members but all of them require that bit of discomfort that is a heart on a sleeve. Of course the retention of existing members is also critical and cannot be taken for granted.

Of course there are other important matters for discussion. Be there and raise them!

This year we have another young, enthusiastic, first-time president. Use the forum to generate some ideas and positive energy. Let's seize the day!

## From the Oval Office

*President David Ursic*

Fellow Rotarians,

Firstly I would like to thank all members and their respective wives and partners for attending the Changover Night. I was most honoured to have had the presence of DG Ross Butterworth and his wife Annette in additions to ADG Austen Burleigh and his wife Sue on our table as well as PE of Brimbank Central, Nilda Escalante. A very good relationship with a number of our

Cluster Club Presidents is being built and I am confident that there will be mutual benefits to all involved in projects and events scheduled throughout the year.

As I am now II Presidente, it will be difficult, if not impossible for me to do the nightly attendance role. That said, I have requested a Club Duties Roster be formulated. During the month of July it will be as follows:

- Cashier: Judith Whelan
- Fellowship: Christine Richardson
- Sergeant: Russell Bennallack

If the designated people cannot fulfil their role during the month, it is their responsibility to organise a replacement accordingly. It will also be necessary for Club Duties members to be at Fredrick's by 6.00 pm sharp.

I wish to highlight our Club's program of events for the month of July and trust all members will diarise these events and make a concerted effort to attend.

## Coming Soon...

- Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Join us at Fredricks for our annual Repair Banner Afternoon.
- Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July: Eline's Farewell Dinner at Judith and Sharon Whelan's home.
- Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July: Eline's flight home leaves 9.40am. Support and tissues welcome.
- Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July: Daryl Broadbent "Man Behind The Badge", Chair: Mike Barnes.
- Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July: David Whiting (Lawyer) "Wills and Estate Planning", Chair: John Boundy.
- Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July: Arrival of our new exchange student, Ingrid Olssen from Sweden (8pm)
- Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July: DIK Off-site Visit.
- Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July: Club Progressive Dinner. Hosts Grant/Anne Maggs and Barry/Cheryl Harvey.
- Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July: Tree planting at Aberfeldie Park (10am-12pm)
- Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July: Barbara Woodberry and David Pang (RC Richmond) "Timor-Leste Project", Chair: Rosa Pereira.

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## Last Week: Changeover



*Past President David, ADG Austen Burleigh, President David, DG Ross Butterworth. (Thanks to Rosa for the excellent photographs.)*

## Key Portfolios Working Groups

President David has announced the following list of working groups:

**Membership:** David Ursic, Grant Maggs.

**Vocational:** David Ursic, John Boundy, Sam Pennisi.

**International:** Rosa Pereira, Peter Taylor, David Dobney, Jacob Taurins.

**New Generations:** Himanshu Kaushik, Chris Richardson, Mike Barnes.

### Community Services & Fellowship:

- Thompson Reserve: David Mott, Kerry Warner, Max Nicholls, Geoff Woodhead.

- Rotarians at Work: David Mott, Adrian Power, David Dobney.
- Western Autistic Centre: David Mott, Geoff Woodhead.
- Variety Club Children's Christmas Party: David Mott, Coral Thompson, Adrian Power.
- Moonee Valley Festival: David Mott, David Dobney, Adrian Power.
- Fellowship Activities: David Mott, Christine Richardson, Coral Thompson, Judith Whelan.

### Fundraising:

- Christmas Trees: Barry Coleman, David Mott, Les Jones, Barry Harvey, Rhys Maggs.
- Colour Fest Run: Barry Coleman, David Mott, Daryl Broadbent, Les Jones, Judith Whelan.
- Men's Shed: Barry Coleman, Barry Harvey, Russell Benallack, Noel Osborne.
- Keynote Speakers: David Ursic, David Mott, Barry Coleman.
- Oaks Day Luncheon: Barry Coleman, Coral Thompson, Terry Daffey, Max Nicholls.

## Eline's Farewell Dinner: RSVP Please!

*I need an urgent RSVP on who is coming to Eline's Farwell. Could everyone reply one way or the other so I am sure where we stand. I need to arrange menu and numbers. Thanks, Judith*



Don't forget to put in your diaries, Sunday 6th July, for Eline's Farwell at 6 .30 pm . She goes three days later on the 9th.

This approach will be informal and allow outsiders to be invited, such as external host families etc. I hope you can all attend and make this a memorable night.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to David and Terri Mott: July 9<sup>th</sup>.



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/~rcessnth/](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rcessnth/)

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